

REMARKS

Applicants have considered the Office Action dated January 30, 2008, and the references cited therein. Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 13-18 are presently pending. No claims presently stand allowed. However, claims 3, 14-15 and 18 were merely objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

Applicants have amended the claims to incorporate claim 3 into claim 1 and adjust references to the now canceled claim 3. The text of claim 3 incorporated into claim 1 is modified by deleting the word "storing" from the original text of claim 3 since the value stored in the dedicated register file can be also be read. Also, Applicants note that the dedicated register is "dedicated solely" only in the sense that the dedicated issue slot has only this register to which to file or write, and therefore address bits are not needed to locate this dedicated register file. On the other hand the dedicated register file is not dedicated in that other issue slots are allowed to use the register file for writing data.

Applicants have amended the claims with traverse and reserve the right to present the previously rejected claims in a continuation application.

The Office Action, at section 5, objects to the drawings because certain reference signs mentioned in the description (i.e., IMU, UC(0, ..., 4), RF(0, 1, 2), CN, SQ, FU(20, 21, 22), DEC, TSC, IRN, RN) are not identified in the drawings. Applicants previously removed/replaced these identifiers in response to a request in a previously issued Office Action. Notwithstanding Applicants' previous objection to the request to modify the drawings to include both legends and reference characters, Applicants are preparing suitable amended drawings in accordance with the first option on page 2 of the Final Office Action and will submit them shortly in a supplementary preliminary amendment.

Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the Office Action's grounds for rejecting the previously pending claims in view of Applicants' amendments to the previously pending claims and the Remarks provided herein. Please charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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